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Passed Asst. Surg. Creel further reports as follows:

Rats examined Aug. 17 to 24, 1912.

Place.	Rats exam- ined.	Rats found infected.	Rats found suspi- cious.
All Porto Rico.....	1,124
San Juan municipality:			
San Juan.....	233
Puerta de Tierra.....	102
Santurce.....	255	1

A summary of the plague situation to August 24, including all human and rodent cases reported or discovered, was as follows: Rats examined, 11,209; rats found infected, 60; human cases, 49; deaths, 30.

Inspections made Aug. 17 to 24, 1912, inclusive.

Buildings inspected.....	557
Cars inspected.....	133
Packages of freight fumigated.....	711
Packages of freight repacked.....	98
Packages of freight inspected and passed.....	11,467
Oxcarts and wagons carrying outgoing overland freight inspected.....	586
Packages inspected.....	10,954
Packages fumigated.....	24
Packages repacked.....	459
Packages inspected.....	11,437
Express packages inspected.....	546
Express packages repacked.....	189
Rats found in freight and express packages inspected.....	3

RUSSIA.

Cholera.

During the period from July 14 to 27, 1912, there were reported in Russia 15 cases of cholera with 2 deaths, occurring as follows: City of Astrakhan, 4 cases with 1 death; city of Vitebsk, 9 cases with 1 death; district of Vitebsk, 2 cases.

TURKEY IN ASIA.

Cholera in Damascus.

Consul General Hollis at Beirut reports August 2:

Cholera has been officially declared present at Damascus. All travelers proceeding by rail from Damascus to any of the Syrian coast ports will be required to undergo a detention of five days in quarantine at some intermediate station.

On September 6 Consul General Hollis reported cholera present at Beirut.